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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS FOR EEC

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR SO ET  
SUBJECT: ITALIAN VIEW ON ASSISTANCE IN HORN

REF: STATE 73290

1. WE BRIEFED MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS RACHELE  
MARCH 28 ON US ASSISTANCE PLANS IN THE HORN (REFTEL). RACHELE  
WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE USEFUL TO  
ITALIANS BOTH IN THEIR OWN LIMITED BILATERAL EFFORTS AND IN  
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THE EC CONTEXT. GOI HAS SENT HUMANITARIAN AID TO REFUGEES  
IN SOMALIA, INCLUDING TENTS, BLANKETS, MEDICINE, AND  
OTHER HOSPITAL SUPPLIES, AND IS CONTINUING CONSIDERATION  
OF REPLACING SOME WITHDRAWN SOVIET PROJECTS AND SCHOLAR-  
SHIPS WITH ITALIAN ONES. GOI BELIEVES THAT MAJOR HELP  
FOR SOMALIA MUST, HOWEVER, COME FROM EC AND IS HOPEFUL  
THAT TWOFUNDS UNDER DISCUSSION AT EC COMMISSION--EARLIER

PLAN FOR HELPING EX-SOVIET PROJECTS AND MORE RECENT PROPOSAL FOR FUND FOR REFUGEES--WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPACT. ITALIANS ALSO BELIEVE THAT US AND EC COUNTRIES SHOULD COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS EVEN IF IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FORM CONSORTIUM AS SUGGESTED BY SOMALIS. ASSISTANCE SHOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED TO REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA, DJIBOUTI AND KENYA, BOTH FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS ANDRO FORESTALL CHARGES OF WESTERN FAVORITISM TOWARD SOMALIA.

2. AS TO MILITARY AID, RACHELE SAID THAT ITALIANS ARE NOT PLANNING TO EXPAND ASSISTANCE BEYOND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HELP TO POLICE. HE ADDED THAT GOI OPPOSES PROVISION OF ARMS TO AREAS OF INSTABILITY AND, WITH ITALIAN COMMUNITY IN ETHIOPIA ALWAYS IN MIND, DOES NOT WISH TO BE CONFRONTED WITH NECESSITY OF RESPONDING UNFAVORABLY TO EARLIER EPMG REQUESTS FOR MILITARY AID WHILE MEETING SOMALI DESIRES.

3. ACCORDING TO RACHELE, TWO ITALIAN DELEGATIONS WILL BE VISITING HORN IN NEXT WEEKS. THE FIRST, TO BE LED BY MFA UNDER SECRETARY FOSCHI, WILL GO IN LATE APRIL TO ADDIS. ITALIANS CONSIDER THIS A "SOCIAL" MISSION TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF ITALIAN COMMUNITY IN ETHIOPIA BUT EPMG HAS LABELED IT AN "ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL" MISSION SO ITALIANS ARE PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR LIKELY LIST OF ETHIOPIAN DEMANDS. SECOND VISIT AT SIMILAR LEVEL WILL BE MADE LATER IN THE SPRING TO MOGADISCIO. GARDNER  
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